

1 ABSTRACT

2 A 3-D fabric preform for composites including a three-dimensional engineered
3 fiber preform formed by intersecting yarn system components; and at least one system,
4 device, and/or network integrated with the preform for providing a predetermined
5 function, wherein the at least one system, device, and/or network is introduced prior to
6 formation of a composite structure including the preform, thereby providing a 3-D fabric
7 preform for composites. Also, a method for forming the 3-D fabric preform for
8 composites including a three-dimensional engineered fiber preform formed by
9 intersecting yarn system components; and at least one system, device, and/or network
10 integrated with the preform for providing a predetermined function, wherein the at least
11 one system, device, and/or network is introduced prior to formation of a composite
12 structure including the preform, thereby providing a 3-D fabric preform for composites.

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